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Office Action Summary

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FIELDING, VICTOR

Examiner

Victor R. Kostak

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Note MPEP 606.01.

2. Claim 14 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

The subject matter recited in claim 14 is identical to base claim 13. Applicant apparently copied claim 13 subject matter inadvertently, but likely intended to recite the subject matter to parallel that of similar claim 4. The examiner has treated claim 14 as such.

Along this line, applicant is suggested to review the dependencies of the claim groups 11-16 with parallel claims 1-6, the dependent claims reciting the same corresponding subject matter but having inconsistent dependencies as compared with claims 1-6.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shanley, II in view of Bart et al.

The television receiver of Shanley (noting Fig. 1) involves processing and amplification stage 20 (per RGB components) connected to respective driver stages 25. The

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processor/amplifier (and therefore the connected downstream driver) can adapt to environmental conditions (i.e. temperature variations: col. 3 lines 4-5) by applying an offset DC voltage to compensate for the environmental influences (col. 3 lines 3-5 again). The compensation voltage is provided by the transistor combination (elements 41 and 42) as part of the amplification stage feeding the driver 25, the voltage being added to the video signal as a composite adjusted signal.

Shanley does not specify the source of the television signals, instead merely designating element 10 as a source.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to recognize that typical television programming comes from sources such as playback devices and broadcast providers, both being very well known programming sources. It would further have been obvious to recognize that broadcast programming is typically in coded form (for transmission considerations) which would inherently be in a known decodable format, as disclosed by Bart (e.g. col. 10 lines 54-55), who also includes teletext data as well as temperature compensation using DC voltage adjustment (e.g. col. 5 lines 8-13), thereby meeting claims 1, 2, 11 and 12.

As for claims 3, 10 and 13, the bias voltage is accordingly changed due to the temperature compensation (noting again the transistor pair arrangement of elements 43 and 42).

As for claims 4, 7, 8 and 14, the DC offset is applied to the amplifier which directly feeds the driver 25, based on a specifically calculated compensation value so determined by the transistor arrangements.

Regarding claims 5, 6, 15 and 16, applicant admits on top of page 2 of his specification that the typical voltage range for a received video signals lies between 0V and 1V.

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As for claim 9, the gain provided by the amplifier is characterized by multiplication function, which is applied to the passing decoded video signal, for ultimately display on monitor 24.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor R. Kostak whose telephone number is 703 305-4374. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 703 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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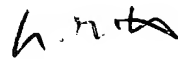
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